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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION INVITED TO LEAVE COSTA  
RICA

WE ARE REPEATING SAN JOSE 3082 FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFOR-  
MATION AND APPROPRIATE USE IN DISCUSSIONS OF RELATIONS  
WITH NORTH KOREA WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

QUOTE: AN OFFICIAL NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION,  
WHICH HAS BEEN IN SAN JOSE SINCE JUNE SEEKING TO ESTABLISH  
SOME FORM OF FORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS,  
WAS ORDERED EXPELLED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO ON AUGUST  
12. THE FOREIGN MINISTER, REPORTEDLY ACTING ON SPECIFIC  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT ODUBER, TOLD THE NORTH KOREANS  
THAT THE GOCR WAS NOT INTERESTED IN EITHER DIPLOMATIC OR  
COMMERCIAL NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATION IN SAN JOSE AND,  
GIVEN THIS ATTITUDE, THERE WAS NO FURTHER POINT IN THEM  
STAYING AROUND.

COSTA RICA ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH  
KOREA LAST FEBRUARY, BUT AT THAT TIME FOREIGN MINISTRY  
OFFICIALS TOLD THE EMBASSY IT DID NOT CONTEMPLATE EXCHANGE  
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OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE NORTH KOREANS SENT A DELEGATION,

LED BY THE VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO THE MAY 8 INAUGURATION CEREMONIES OF PRESIDENT ODUBER AND DURING THAT TIME APPARENTLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING

AN EMBASSY HERE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FACIO TURNED THE NORTH KOREANS DOWN ON THE SPECIFIC REQUEST, BUT SUGGESTED THEY COME BACK LATER TO TALK ABOUT IT. THEY CAME BACK IN JUNE TO THE CONSTERNATION OF MANY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO WERE WORRIED ABOUT SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE BEHAVIOR OF A NORTH KOREAN MISSION. FACIO WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE RECENTLY PUT THE NORTH KOANS OFF AGAIN BY SUGGESTING THEY COME BACK IN SIX MONTHS, BUT TO BE RELUCTANT, GIVEN HIS PREVIOUS POSITION, TO GIVE THEM A FLAT NO. ODUBER SEEMS TO HAVE NOW RESOLVED THE PROBLEM.

"LA NACION" REPORTED THE NAMES OF THE 6-MAN NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE AUGUST 14, AS FOLLOWS: SHEL-SEH KIM, CHIEF; HAC RONG CHOI; KIONG RONG KIM; RONG SU CHAN; CHING RIONG KIM; AND WONG JENG KIM.

COMMENT: SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMMENTED TO EMBASSY OFFICER AUGUST 13 THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY EMBASSY REGARDING MEXICAN EXPERIENCE WITH NORTH KOREA WAS DECISIVE IN CONFIRMING GOCR RESOLVE TO EXPEL NORTH KOREANS. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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